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Applicant : Yasuhiro OSHIMA et al.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2007. A response to this Office Action was due on December 6, 2007. Accordingly, Applicants are concurrently submitting a request for a one-month extension of the period for response (Applicants note that the one-month extended deadline of January 6, 2008 fell on a Sunday). Please amend this application as follows:

The Amendments to the Claims made herein are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.